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House Bill _____
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Senate No. SJR0042
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to direct the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology to develop a plan regarding significant shipwreck sites in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress finds that States have the responsibility for management of a broad range of living and non-living resources in state waters and submerged lands; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress finds that included in the range of resources in a state are certain abandoned shipwrecks, which have been deserted and to which the owner has relinquished ownership rights with no retention; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress finds that in order to encourage and foster a cooperative partnership among sport divers, fishermen, archaeologists, salvors, and other interests to manage shipwreck resources of the state as stated in the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987 (PL100-208); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING,
That the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology be

directed to develop a plan regarding management strategies for the preservation and conservation of significant shipwreck sites in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Division shall recognize important events and geographic locations in the history and development of the river navigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Division shall establish a geographic data base and an information system that can be used to locate, track, and cross-reference significant shipwreck sites in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in carrying out its purposes, the Division is authorized to accept:

(1) Loans or grants, or both, of money, materials or property of any kind from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof upon such terms and conditions as the United States of America or such agency or instrumentality may impose.

(2) Loans, gifts, grants, donations, or contributions of property, facilities, or services, with or without consideration from any person, firm, or corporation, instrumentality thereof or from any agency or instrumentality thereof or from any county, municipal corporation or local government or governing body; and

(3) The holding, use, administering and expending of such sum or sums as may hereafter be received as income, as gifts or as appropriations from the General Assembly for any of the purposes of the Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Tennessee Division of Archaeology and to each member of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation.

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